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Church of Christ

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ASSEMBLIES OF THE CHURCH

Sunday Morning
Bible Study:
9:30 a.m.

Sunday Morning
Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Evening
Worship: 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Evening
Bible Study:
7:00 p.m.

Bible Study at other
times by appointment

Office Hours:
M-F, 9a-2p

Trophy For Sale

by David Padfield

One day last summer I was on my way to lunch when I drove by a house that was having a rummage sale. Even though I did not stop for the sale, I could not help but notice the display closest to the street -- what caught my eye was a table filled with old trophies that were now for sale on someone's driveway.

I had to wonder why anyone would be interested in purchasing a used trophy. What could they possibly do with it? The trophies for sale probably had the name of the recipient engraved on it, along with a brief description of their meritorious actions. Who would want to put someone else's trophy on their mantle?

Later, I began to wonder why the seller wanted to get rid of their old trophies in the first place. I am sure that at one time those trophies held a lot of value, or at least some emotional attachment. Trophies usually signify some accomplishment -- they serve to remind us of some success in our business or personal life. Maybe a bowling trophy loses its luster when one stops bowling. That trophy from a winning high school football season might not seem as important thirty years later when your own children are in college. What we value today might wind up in the trash or on a table at a rummage sale tomorrow.

The truth of the matter is that there is nothing in this life we can carry with us into the next. The trinkets and knick-knacks we treasure here on earth will be of no value in eternity. This being so, it makes one wonder why we spend so much time acquiring earthly possessions, but so little time preparing for the life which is to come.

Suppose you gained all that this world has to offer -- what would you really have? A handful of tinsel? Jesus told His disciples: "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Matt. 16:24-26).



Welcome

Welcome! Our Lord said, “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” (Matthew 11:28). May all who have gathered here in God’s house find the peace and joy which only the Lord of life can give. Blessings upon all.

Please take the time to fill out an attendance card and place it in the offering tray at the appropriate time.

Please remember to silence all pagers and cell phones during worship.

There is an attended nursery for ages 2 and under available each Sunday morning. Katie Wade will be available to care for your children this morning.

Bible Hour, a worship service designed for children ages 3-4th grade and taught on their level, is also available. Children will be dismissed after the Lord’s Supper Observance.

To our members: Please take the time to fill out an Event Card and place it in the offering tray. We would like a record of how often we, as a congregation, have reached out to our brethren each week. Thank you.

-The Elders



The Watering Hole

Gospel Minutes
“What is Truth?”

Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

Greeting the Assembly: Jim Watters

Song Service led by: Jim Harrison

957- This World Is Not My Home

221- I’ll Be Listening

Prayer: Bob Moorman

884-Earth Holds No Treasure

Contribution

945-Kneel At The Cross

The Lord’s Supper

1st Prayer– Robert Allison

2nd Prayer—Nick Allison

545-Precious Memories
(Children dismissed to classes)

867-To Canaan’s Land I’m On My Way

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6 13-18
Ryan Cox

Congregation: Psalms 118:24
*“This is the day that the Lord has made;
I will rejoice and be glad in it!”*

Lesson: Gary Meeker

943-Do You Know My Jesus?

Announcements: Gary Meeker

869-We’re Marching To Zion

Prayer: Tandy O’Bryant

Sunday Morning Sermon: Two Invitations

Proverbs 9:1-6, 13-18

Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn out her seven pillars; 2 She has prepared her food, she has mixed her wine; She has also set her table; 3 She has sent out her maidens, she calls from the tops of the heights of the city: 4 “Whoever is naive, let him turn in here!” To him who lacks understanding she says, 5 “Come, eat of my food and drink of the wine I have mixed. 6 “Forsake your folly and live, and proceed in the way of understanding.” 13 The woman of folly is boisterous, she is naive and knows nothing. 14 She sits at the doorway of her house, on a seat by the high places of the city, 15 Calling to those who pass by, who are making their paths straight: 16 “Whoever is naive, let him turn in here,” and to him who lacks understanding she says, 17 “Stolen water is sweet; and bread eaten in secret is pleasant.” 18 But he does not know that the dead are there, that her guests are in the depths of Sheol.

I. The Invitation Of Lady Wisdom

A. Her preparation

B. Her plea

C. Her promise

II. The Invitation Of Woman Folly

A. Her preparation

B. Her plea

C. Her promise

Sunday Evening Sermon: THE CITIZENS (CHARACTERISTICS) OF GOD'S KINGDOM

(Blessed are the poor in spirit) - Matthew 5:3

INTRODUCTION:

1. Colossians 1:13,14
2. The Bible speaks of us as being citizens of a kingdom.
3. Hence we are called Christians, because we represent a part of the whole, each Christians is a representative of God*s kingdom

DISCUSSION:

I. The poor.

- A. There are two different words for *poor* and they mean two different types of a person.
- B. Examples of this person:
 1. James 2:1-3 *
 2. Lazarus - Luke 16:20-21 *
 3. The widow who gave two mites - Mark 12:42-43 *
 4. Jesus - 2 Cor. 8:9 -

II. Who are the poor in spirit?

- A. Jesus is speaking of the one who is completely destitute in their spiritual well being.
- B. It is time that we come to grips with the devastation of sin.
- C. What men of God have said concerning this state of man in the past.

III. Humility V.S. Pride.

- A. The quality that Jesus is expressing in the Sermon on the Mount is the epitome of humility.
- B. The inspired writers have much to say concerning the prideful and the humble.
- C. One of the greatest examples of pride is that of Pharaoh.

CONCLUSION:

1. The most important point is that this beatitude is listed first for a reason.
2. Man must empty himself, before he can come to God.



We are praying for:

Kathy Walker's daughter, Pam Tenpenny will have major surgery August 10. **Elisabeth Case** will be having tests done on her bladder and kidneys in a couple weeks.

Edu Okorie, a brother in Christ, was kidnapped by militant Muslims July 22 in Nigeria. A ransom was paid for his release and he is now home with his family, but with a heavy guard for fear of another kidnapping.

Niki Wade, her baby, and boyfriend were the victims of a hit and run accident as they were walking in their neighborhood. The baby Adrienne is in critical condition at Riley Hospital.

Tiena Smith request prayers for her health and for a friend Jeff Cougill who has health issues. Our sympathy goes out to **Wilmer Aguilera** whose brother was killed in Honduras.

FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WITH ON-GOING HEALTH CONCERNS: Bill Beck, Ron Johnson, Jerry Johnston, Dennis Keener, Don & Debbie Archer, Debbie Bair, Wayne & Wilda Bryan, Della Stalcup, Harriet Hobbs, Jean & Jerry Weir, Jean Kendall, Luther Hodges, Lois Montgomery, Mattye Gum

OUR HOMEBOUND: Mattye Gum, Laura Oliver, Laverne Toombs, Thelma Smith, Phyllis Fraser, Nina McIntyre, Garnet McKinney, Becky Adkins, Edna Bookout

OUR NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS:

Community Northview: Margie Tompkins, Robbie Dickerson

Manor Care: Selbert & Jewell Braden, Charlie Callendar

Community Parkview, Elwood: Albert Burton

Meadowbrook Rehab Center: LaTheda Hathcoat

Miller's Merry Manor, Middletown: Gladys Boles, Bob & Betty Hathcoat

Miller's Merry Manor, Chesterfield: Mary Janes, Gladys Sanders, Wendell Parson, Bessie Coppock

OUR MISSION WORKERS: Jody Apple (PA), Vito & Antonietta Ligorio (Italy), Ned Isonguyo (Nigeria)

Rawlins House, Pendleton: Betty Wunder

Summitville Convalescent Center: Lola Conner

Bethany Point Health Campus: Jean Kendall

Bibles for China

The Elders are still collecting money for the Royal Oak Church of Christ in Michigan to purchase Bibles to send to China. The deadline to make a monetary donation is Au-



Some horses are missing from the display used for VBS in the 1-2 yr. old class. If your child mistakenly took one home with them, please return it to John & Chris Hollingsworth.

Library News:

If you have any old church directories that you would like to donate to our church library, please see Ed and Debbie Boles.



Don't forget to bring in clean, empty medicine & vitamin bottles.



Our July Food Campaign is going well! We have collected 50% of the pantry items. Please remember to check the auditorium windows for what is still needed.



DATES TO REMEMBER...

Today Nursing Home Devo

Aug. 2-5 Gospel Revival @ South Central

Aug. 3 Visitation Meeting, 7pm

Aug. 8 Youth Kings Island Trip

Aug. 9 Mercer Bridal Shower 3:00-5:00

Aug. 13 Ladies Devo, 7pm

Aug. 14-16 Gospel Meeting @ S. Broadway, Huntington

Aug. 15 Mattox Baby Shower, 1:00 pm

Aug. 15 Mercer/Porter Wedding, 6:30 pm.

Aug. 16 Birthday/Anniversary Pitch-in

Aug. 18 Ladies Lunch

Aug. 29 Grades 3-6 Monthly Get Together

Aug. 29 Grades 7-12 Monthly Get Together

Aug. 30 Secret Sister Party

Happy Birthday to:

Bill Etchison.....Today

Laverne Toombs.....Aug. 5

Drew Smith.....Aug. 8



Happy Anniversary to:

Gene & Linda Cook.....Aug. 3

Gospel Meetings



Today, August 2, thru Wednesday, August 5, the South Central Church of Christ is having a Gospel Meeting with the topic: *Overcoming Challenges as Christians*.

More information regarding this event is posted on the Devo's and Such bulletin board.

Jim Harrison and Luke Jackson will be speaking at the Gospel Meeting hosted by the S. Broadway Church of Christ in Huntington, August 14-16. Everyone is invited to attend. Topics and times are posted on the Devo's and Such bulletin board. On Saturday, August 15, there will be an activity period between 2 & 6 pm sessions. Outdoor games, corn-hole tournament, and for anyone who would like to bowl, a group will be going to Oak Lanes from 4 until 5:15 pm. Cost is \$1.50 per game and \$1.25 for shoes.



Nursing Home Devotional

TODAY at 3:00 pm
Community Northview



Teacher Needed

We need a teacher for the 7-9th grade class on Wednesday nights.
If you can help, please see Richard Shelton.

Visitation Meeting

Those involved in the Visitation Program will meet Monday, August 3 at 7:00 pm.



Ladies Devotional

The next Ladies Devo will be Thursday, August 13, at 7pm at Mattye Gum's. We need someone to lead our discussion. If you can help, please sign up on the Devo's and Such bulletin board.



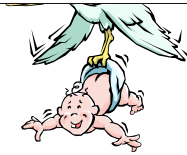


Bridal Shower

There will be a bridal shower for Brittany Mercer on Sunday, August 9th from 3:00 to 5:00 pm here at the building. Brittany is Registered at JCPenny, Kohl's and Target. If you would like to donate towards a large gift please see Wendy Wash, Jama Sottong, or Sue Morris.

Baby Shower

For: April Mattox
When: Saturday, August 15, 1:00 pm
Where: Church Building
Registered: at Babies 'R Us



IT'S A BOY!

See Judy Lippman for gift ideas.

Birthday/Anniversary Pitch-in

Sunday, August 16, immediately after our



Ladies Lunch



Tuesday, Aug. 18, at 11:30 am at Ponderosa. Please sign up to attend.

Secret Sister Party

It is almost time to reveal your secret identity! Those in the Secret Sister Program will meet on Sunday, August 30 at 4:00 pm. Please bring a final gift for your secret sister. If you are not currently involved and want to be, bring a small anonymous gift. If you would like to bring an afternoon snack in to share, you are welcome to. We will be drawing times for the next term. If you have questions, see Lorna.



Mr. and Mrs. Scott William Mercer request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Ms. Brittany Susanne Mercer to Mr. Douglas Thomas Porter son of Mr. and Mrs. Barth Ford Porter on Saturday, August 15 at 6:30 pm Paramount Theatre Centre and Ballroom 1124 Meridian St., Anderson (Reception to follow)



The couple is registered at JCPenny, Kohl's and Target.

Youth News

ALL YOUTH!:

Your Kings Island trip will be Saturday, August 8th with the Towne Acres and West Side youth. Remember those in 6th grade and younger will need a parent chaperone. See Ryan for more information

GRADES 3-6 will meet at the Allison's (5066 Perry Ave., Anderson) for snacks and games on Saturday, August 29, from 2 to 4 pm. *(If rain is predicted we will meet at the church building).*

GRADES 7-12 will meet at the Shelton's (2537 S. 300 E., Anderson) on Saturday, August 29, from 7-9 pm for a bonfire. Ryan will have some other things planned too!



SIGN UP ON THE YOUTH BULLETIN BOARD TO ATTEND THESE EVENTS.

TODAY'S SERVANTS

DOOR GREETERS:

SOUTH: Ufanell Jones

MIDDLE: Donovan Archer

NORTH: Ezra Burnett

ALTERNATE SCRIPTURE READER: Gary Johnson

NURSERY ATTENDANT: Katie Wade

EVENING WORSHIP LEADERS

SONG LEADER: Kevin Wash

OPENING PRAYER: Barry King

LESSON: Ryan Cox

CLOSING PRAYER: Jim Morris

SERVING NEXT LORD'S DAY- AUGUST 9, 2009

DOOR GREETERS:

SOUTH: Lois Gaw

MIDDLE: Kevin Wash

NORTH: Jim Hodges

GREETING THE ASSEMBLY:

SONG LEADERS:

A.M. Jim Morris

P.M. Jay Allison

THE LORD'S TABLE:

1ST PRAYER: Jim Harrison

2ND PRAYER: Charles Buckner

SCRIPTURE READING:

PRIMARY: Robert Allison

ALTERNATE: Bill Beals

LEADING IN PRAYER:

A.M. OPENING: ROBERT ALLISON

A.M. CLOSING: MIKE WADE

P.M. OPENING: RYAN COX

P.M. CLOSING: MARK GOODING

NURSERY ATTENDANT: Katie Wade

**WEDNESDAY EVENING-
AUGUST 5, 2009**

SONG LEADER: Butch Parson

DEVOTIONAL: Barry King

CLOSING PRAYER: Miles Gooding

Goals & Achievements

Attendance

Sunday Bible Class

Sunday A.M. Worship

Sunday P.M. Worship

Wednesday Evening

Last Week

81

189

86

105

Gifts & Offerings

Budget

\$3,716.78

Actual

\$3447.91

Difference

(-\$268.87)

AUGUST ASSIGNMENTS

ASSISTING ON THE LORD'S TABLE:

BILL ETCHISON

B.R. HATHCOAT

BEN WADE

JUSTIN MATTOX

MIKE WADE

LARRY BROWN

BAPTISMAL CLOTHING: Chris & Antonia Hollingsworth

COMMUNION: Chris & Antonia Hollingsworth

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Gary Meeker

CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR TEACHERS:

Ages 3-5: Charlotte Meeker & Judy Lippman

Grades K-4: Richard Shelton

SHEPHERDS OF THE FLOCK

Norman Alexander

Robert Allison, Sr.

Barry King

Gary Meeker

378-6420

534-3569

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778-2868

PREACHING MINISTER

Gary Meeker

778-2868

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTER

Ryan Cox

643-5152

SERVANTS OF THE CHURCH

BENEVOLENCE, Dale Wiles

EDUCATION/YOUTH, Richard Shelton

FACILITIES, Ray Smith

FELLOWSHIP, Gary Johnson

FINANCES/BUDGET, Dan Smith

HEAT/AIR SYSTEMS, Jim Hodges

INVOLVEMENT, Jim Harrison

MISSIONS, Jay Allison

SAFETY SYSTEMS, Charles Buckner

SUPPORT/SPECIAL SERVICES, Mark Gooding

WORSHIP, Jim Morris

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